

From the Enduring Freedom Chapel



CONNECTIONS

“In the beginning God created” is how the Bible describes God’s creative power displayed in the book of Genesis. From the very onset of creation the Bible depicts us needing one another. Adam was perfect yet felt alone and isolated even with God’s presence for company. When God realized it was not good for Adam to be alone he kept right on creating and brought into being Eve. Adam’s reaction to Eve is poetic, “this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh,” he declares. Intuitively, he recognizes her as his helpmate and friend and the first couple are united and society created.

We are social beings, created for interaction, love and nurture with one another. Families who tell us our name long before we can talk shape our very identity. Our parents pass along their genes, give us a sense of belonging and well-being. And, in a real sense, this connection sustains us throughout our life.

February is the month we mark on the calendar with the observance of Valentine’s Day. For many of you, and for most of us, we will spend this month and holiday apart. However, because of the power of love, and the connection of family, we will feel the gentle tug, like an unseen kite in the sky attached to a ball of string, of one another. Never a day goes by that we do not think about our families and loved ones at home. Nor does a day go by where we do not realize how much you care and support us. We are here, defending enduring freedom, yet connected to you, the ones we love. We send you our love as we defend freedom and America on Valentine’s Day 2004.

**God bless you all.
Chaplain Jack Lea**